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SUBJECT: ANTARCTICA AND SRI LANKA AT 30TH UNGA

REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 5202 (NOTAL), B) SANTIAGO 4931
(NOTAL)

1. DEPT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND SEVERAL OTHER ANTARCTIC TREATY PARTIES THAT SRI LANKA MAY ATTEMPT AT 30TH UNGA TO PLACE ON AGENDA THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE UN JURISDICTION OVER ANTARCTICA. CONCEPT MAY BE TO SUGGEST UNGA RESOLUTION EXTENDING GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION, PERHAPS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED RESOURCE AUTHORITY NOW BEING NEGOTIATED AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, TO ANTARCTICA.

2. SEVERAL TREATY MEMBERS HAVE SUGGESTED, EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, THAT THERE BE CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTIES IF THE SRI LANKAN IDEA BECOMES OR APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING INTO AN OFFICIAL POLICY. THE MEETING OF THE EVENSEN GROUP OF LOS NEGOTIATORS, SCHEDULED FOR GENEVA IN THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST, HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY SOME AS PROVIDING A POSSIBILITY FOR SEPARATE CONSULTATIONS ON THE SRI LANKAN MATTER AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWELVE ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTIES (I.E. ADDRESSEE

HOST GOVTS EXCEPT COLOMBO). SEVERAL TREATY MEMBERS, HOWEVER, HAVE MISGIVINGS, WHICH WE SHARE, ABOUT CONSULTATIONS IN OR AROUND THAT FORUM. SOME HAVE FEARS AS WELL THAT THE END OF AUGUST MAY BE TOO LATE FOR USEFUL CONSULTATIONS IF THE SRI LANKAN EFFORT IS MATERIALIZING. THE U.K. HAS SUGGESTED TO AT LEAST ONE TREATY MEMBER (BUT NOT YET TO US) THAT IT IS CONSIDERING CALLING A MEETING SHORTLY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AND SEEK COMMON GROUNDS FOR REMEDIAL ACTION BY THE TWELVE. AUSTRALIA MAY ALSO ASK FOR MEETING SOON IN NEW YORK.

3. THE U.S. IS, OF COURSE, WILLING TO CONSULT WITH OUR ANTARCTIC TREATY PARTNERS ON THIS AS ON ANY OTHER ANTARCTIC MATTER. WE BELIEVE THE ANTARCTIC TREATY HAS SERVED
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NOT ONLY THE PARTIES, BUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, VERY WELL. ASSUMING THE PARTIES ARE ABLE TO AVOID ISSUES THAT DIVIDE THEM, THERE IS AN EXCELLENT BASIS FOR DEFENDING THE TREATY AS A SERVANT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY INTERESTS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT NEW QUESTIONS WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE PARTIES IN ANY DIFFERENT SPIRIT.

4. POSTS WILL RECALL THAT THE U.S. IS ONE OF 5 TREATY

SIGNATORIES THAT DO NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE OR RECOGNIZE
TERRITORIAL CLAIMS IN ANTARCTICA.

5. FOR THE MOMENT WE FEEL U.S. SHOULD MAINTAIN A LOW
PROFILE AND SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT CONVEY IMPRESSION WE ARE
OVERLY CONCERNED. HOWEVER, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING
RAPIDLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY BECOME KNOWN IN
NEW YORK AND TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTY CAPITALS TO THE
EXTENT THIS CAN BE DONE CONSISTENT WITH THIS POSTURE.

6. FOR ALL ACTION ADDRESSES (EXCEPT COLOMBO): YOU MAY
DRAW UPON PARAS 1 THROUGH 4 OF THE FOREGOING IF APPROACHED
BY APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS. USUN IS
REQUESTED TO AVOID COMMENT TO REPS OF OTHER THAN TWELVE
CONSULTATIVE PARTIES AND TO REPORT ANY RELEVANT INFORMA-
TION.

7. FOR TOKYO: THE UNCLAIMED LAND AREA OF ANTARCTICA
(APPROXIMATELY 15) AND ADJACENT WATERS AND SEABED MAY BE
A SPECIFIC TARGET OF ANY UNGA INITIATIVE. JAPAN AND U.S.,
AS NON-CLAIMANTS AND IN OTHER RESPECTS, HAVE SIMILAR
ANTARCTIC INTERESTS. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT
HISASHI OWADA, CHIEF OF LEGAL DIVISION FONMIN, TO MAKE
POINT ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION TO
UNCLAIMED SECTOR IN UNGA, IF IT MATERIALIZES, MAY REPRESENT
IN PART A MANEUVER BY SOME TREATY PARTIES WHO ARE CLAIMANTS
TO ACHIEVE TACIT U.N. RECOGNITION OF THE TERRITORIAL

CLAIMS. SUCH RECOGNITION OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS WOULD, IN
OUR VIEW, JEOPARDIZE THE ANTARCTIC TREATY AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION THEREUNDER. U.S. BELIEVES ANY EFFORT BY THE
TWELVE TO DEFEND TREATY REGIME IN U.N. MUST NOT BE BASED
ON TERRITORIAL CLAIMS.

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8. FOR MOSCOW: U.S.S.R. ALSO HAS SIMILAR INTERESTS AS
NON-CLAIMANT. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE, CONTACT
COULD BE USEFUL WITH FONMIN LEGAL DIVISION (WHICH IS
ACCUSTOMED TO COOPERATION WITH U.S. LEGAL REPS) TO MAKE
SUBSTANTIVE POINTS OUTLINED IN PARA 7 ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

9. FOR COLOMBO: EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT APPROACH
FONMIN OR OTHERS ON THIS MATTER YET.

10. FOR BUENOS AIRES: RESPONSE TO GOA AS SUGGESTED IN
REF A WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME IN DEPARTMENT'S
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